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PROGRESS PLAN

At all Association meetings, the Program of Progress which was described in detail in the April issue of The Pacific, was presented by a member of the Conference Committee on Religious Education, by the Field Secretary, or by the Superintendent. The manual outlining the Program of Progress, sample copies of which have been mailed to all pastors, is now available in any quantity desired at the Conference office for ten cents per copy. The wall charts are also prepared, and may be ordered through the Pacific Book Service at 16c each, including tax.

ADVANCE and the MISSIONARY HERALD are carrying valuable material each month. A number of ministers and churches have signified their intention of following the program carefully. It is recommended that enough copies of the manual be ordered for all members of the church council, or for all chairmen of committees and organizations, and that a meeting of such council or officers be held before the summer vacation; and that the manual be studied and a decision reached as to the points which the local church will emphasize and carry through.

It is surprising that there are many churches who do not have a definite set of objectives or a well-rounded program. This plan will enable us all to check up on ourselves.

It will be of decided advantage if a large number of our churches work at the same tasks at the same time, learning through our publications what progress is being made, and encouraging one another to greater accomplishments.

The Conference Committee on Religious Education (Rev. W. R. Steininger is chairman), Field Secretary E. T. Sherman, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and the office staff, will do all in their power to assist our churches to make the greatest possible success of the plan.

APRIL ATTENDANCE

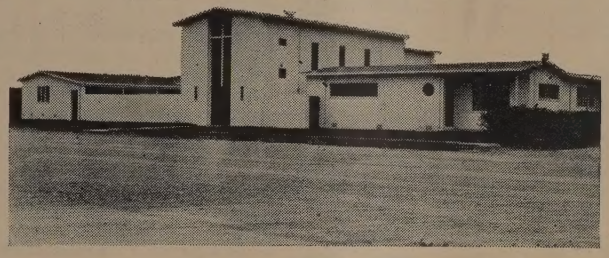
Of the twenty-five churches which have thus far reported April attendance, 22 indicated a total for the four Sundays excluding Easter of 6,107, of which 2,186 were men and boys. For Easter Sunday only they reported 2,108 men and boys, total 5,557. Two other churches reported total attendance for the four Sundays not including Easter of 1,767 and for Easter 1,238. One other church which did not list Easter separately, reported 72 men and boys present in April, and a total of 234. Thus, total attendance of the 25 churches reporting for the five Sundays in April was 14,903. In March thirty-six churches reported a total attendance of 9,519 for the four Sundays in that month.

MODOC JOINS SACRAMENTO

On recommendation of the special commission appointed at San Mateo, on Association Boundaries, the Sacramento Valley Association extended an invitation to the churches of the Modoc Association to unite. This invitation was accepted by the Modoc Association on April 30. Henceforth the churches of Modoc will be listed with Sacramento Valley Association.

NILES DEDICATES ON EASTER

Dedication on Easter made an already notable day one of great interest and happiness for the Niles church. Almost exactly a year after a disastrous fire burned the old church, the new edifice was completed and dedicated. As shown by the accompanying cut, the church is of severely plain Spanish architecture, with the sanctuary in the center, flanked on either side by patios, which in turn are surrounded—one by Sunday school class rooms and social hall, and the other by a very attractive, modern five-room manse. There is still space on the lot for a large assembly hall if it is found that one is needed. The entire project, including furnishings, will cost in the neighborhood of $20,000. Proceeds from fire insurance together with subscriptions made by the people of Niles will cover the entire outlay, with the exception of about $1,800. Gifts were made in memory of a number of persons, and in particular, of Mrs. R. C. Day, the wife of the pastor, and Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Day, his parents.



New Church Building and Manse at Niles

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, a former pastor of the church. The Scripture lesson was read by Mr. Wesley D. Gordon, also a former pastor. Greetings were brought by neighboring ministers, and the prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. Pierson Parker, Moderator of the Bay Association.

An unusually beautiful part of the service was the conferring of the title of Pastor Emeritus upon Rev. F. V. Jones, who served the church as pastor at the time of the building of the previous structure, and who for 24 years has been an active and beloved layman in the church. The church will soon celebrate the 50th anniversary of its organization, and under the able leadership of its present minister, will go forward to greater accomplishments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12 — Pacific School of Religion commencement.
June 10-17 — Young People's Conference, Fresno area.
June 17-23—East Bay Young People's Conference, near La Honda.
June 17-24 — Central-Sacramento District Young People's Conference, Lakewood, near Brockway.
June 20-30—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
June 22-27—California and National German Conferences, Free Cross Church, Fresno.
July 16-21 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
July 29 to August 5—Young People's Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
July 29 to August 5 — Young Adult Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
August 6-12 — Young People's Conference, Lokoya.
August 6-12 — West Bay Young People's Conference, near La Honda.
August 14-21 — Modoc-Trinity Young People's Conference.
October 17-19—State Conference, Santa Cruz.

STOCK BOOSTED

Dr. R. W. McClure, recently from China and now a member of the regional staff of the Church Committee for China Relief, reports this incident. At one of his meetings in Rhode Island, a business man just back from Hong Kong arose and said, "The relief work being done by missionaries in war areas has boosted the stock of Christian missions in China 1,000 per cent."

SHASTA DAM PROJECT

The Home Missions Council of the United States, Rev. Mark A. Dawber, Secretary, is sponsoring a community church at Central Valley near the new Shasta Dam. A small church building has been finished, the lumber being contributed by men living at Redding and in the community. Miss Grace Kendrick, who had experience at Grand Coulee, Washington, has been sent by the Home Missions Council as a full-time worker.

She has two Sunday Schools, a woman's organization, a Boy Scout troop, a Campfire Girl group, and she does a great deal of pastoral work among the hundreds of families who are without financial resource and are waiting for work to open. Already the Sunday School is crowding the building and more room is needed. Three ministers of Redding take turns in preaching. Excavation is going on at the Dam but it will be March, 1940, before concrete is poured.

MRS. WILLARD B. THORP

Just as The Pacific goes to press comes the sad news that Mrs. Willard B. Thorp, wife of the beloved pastor of our Palo Alto church, has passed on to the better life. She had been afflicted with an incurable malady for some years, knowing full well that it was fatal but carrying on cheerfully and courageously in the midst of a very large circle of friends. The entire funeral service, which was held in the Palo Alto church on Thursday, May 4, was planned by her. The affection and sympathy of our Northern California fellowship goes to Doctor Thorp.

Y. ADULT CAMP

By E. T. SHERMAN

To have a vacation with people of one's own age and interest, to combine rest, recreation, and research, to have a program with a world outlook presented by experts and world travelers who know the highways and byways of foreign countries, is in reality extending one's vacation into much wider areas.

Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, is one of California's most beautiful and healthful summer resorts. Comfortably livable as to food, fellowship, and financial outlay, it has an appeal in relaxation, refreshment, recreation, and intellectual research, matched in few places.

A carefully chosen group of leaders will tempt you. Miss Lucille Day knows India and Turkey as a native, and will make the life of the people live before you. Her intimate knowledge, quick wit, and enthusiastic personality will give zest to everything she says.

Dr. Dwight Bradley of New York knows the problem of living in a confused world and can lead one through the present maze of doubt.

Dr. Erwin L. Shaver of Boston is an expert in young Adult interests. He is a National Leader in Religious Education and Teacher Training, rich in experience and in authorship.

Dr. Norman Henderson of Fresno, California, is a specialist in the philosophy of Religion. Mrs. Norman Henderson, who has served as Dean of Women in a Teachers' College, will present the two interesting subjects: "Home Building" and "Sex Hygiene" in a sane and fearless manner. You will find her name as a teacher and author in "Who's Who."

Others of equal ability and resourcefulness will give great variety of choice in class and lecture opportunities.

These classes and lectures are provided for morning hours and so leave the afternoon free for rest, quests, crafts, recreation, hikes, boating, and swimming.

The cost for the week of July 29 to August 5 is only $11.50 for room and board, and $2.25 for registration. Application blanks and complete information may be secured from Raymond Foote, President; from Dorothy Bennett, Secretary; or from Edwin T. Sherman, Field Secretary, at 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

The Young Adult Association of the Northern California Congregational Conference is made up of groups of young people between the ages of 21 and 35 years, married or single, and who are more or less interestedly connected with some church in northern California.

CHICAGO SEMINARY SUMMER COURSE

A circular from the Chicago Theological Seminary and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, outlines a pastors' summer institute to be held from July 31 to August 13. A number of foremost figures in American church life are listed as faculty members, among whom the name of Rev. O. W. S. McCall appears. Dr. McCall will give a daily course for one week on "I am an Ordained Preacher," and will himself be the preacher on one Sunday in the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel.

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CRUCIAL ISSUES AT MILLS INSTITUTE

The crucial issues in the present critical world situation will be actively faced at the Fifth Annual Institute of International Relations, to be held at Mills College, June 20 to 30, this summer. The Institute is open to all men and women interested in the problems of the world today.

The subject, "Christianity, the Individual, and the State," will be given intense treatment in a round table led by John C. Bennett, Professor of Christian Theology and Philosophy of Religion at the Pacific School of Religion.

Mr. Bennett was secretary of the commission on "The Church and the Economic Order" at the Oxford Conference and was Chancellor Lecturer at Queen's University, Ontario. He is the author of "Social Salvation" and "Christianity and Our World."

Under the title of "Social Justice at Home and Its Relation to World Peace," problems facing capital and labor will be discussed in a round table under the leadership of Rev. Allan A. Hunter, minister of the Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church. Mr. Hunter is the author of several books, including "Youth's Adventure," "Out of the Far East," and one now being published, "Three Trumpets Sound," a study of Ghandi, Kagawa, and Schweitzer.

Others on the Institute faculty who will lecture on the subject of Social Justice and World Peace are: Chester Rowell, of the San Francisco Chronicle; Norman Thomas, author, economist, Socialist candidate for the Presidency; Harry Gideonse, able defender of the present economic order, now professor of economics at Columbia University.

At present a co-worker with Aldous Huxley, Gerald Heard, British author and scientist, will lead a round table on the subject, "The Philosophy and Technique of Active Pacificism." As a biologist, Mr. Heard approaches the international situation from a stimulating viewpoint. Among his many books are, "Source of Civilization," "Science in the Making."

Other leaders who will be present include: Stanley Hornbeck, adviser on Political Relations in the Department of State; Samuel Guy Inman, Pan-American Authority who attended the Lima Conference last year; Max Habicht, former assistant to the Legal Adviser of the League of Nations; Carl Landauer, formerly of Germany, now professor of economics at the University of California.

Further information about the Institute arrangements and program may be obtained from Joseph Conard, Mills College, Oakland, California.

STILL AHEAD

As expected, the receipts for April showed a decline of $700 in comparison with April a year ago. This is probably due to the very extra effort made by our treasurers in remitting at the end of March, and to the fact that the last Sunday of April came on the very last day of the month, so that treasurers who remit monthly were not able to get their checks in until after May 1. We are still a full thousand dollars ahead of last year, and if that lead can be maintained, it will be a very worthwhile advance for the year.

Church	Apr. 1, 1939	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, 1939	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, 1938
Adin	$	$ 10.50	$ 10.40
Alameda	30.00	213.15	115.90
Angels Camp	.....	35.75	25.00
Antioch	.....	15.00	15.00
Auburn	.....	60.00	60.00
Benicia	.....	.....	5.00
Berkeley, First	.....	1,547.49	1,899.04
Kensington	.....	.....	10.00
North	.....	140.25	134.15
Park	.....	18.57	14.82
Campbell	.....	56.00	57.00
Cloverdale	.....	29.87	48.65
Cotati	20.00	21.50	31.50
Crockett	12.42	18.84	12.21
Eureka	.....	136.72	88.47
Ferndale	.....	43.99	40.34
Fowler	.....	.....	18.00
Fresno, First	50.00	205.30	200.77
Pilgrim	.....	100.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	.....	10.00	.....
Guerneville	5.00	5.00	3.50
Hayfork	3.00	3.00	.....
Hayward	.....	50.00	.....
Kenwood	.....	.....	11.61
Lodi, First	200.00	455.50	265.00
Loomis	.....	12.98	.....
Martinez	27.52	87.31	82.28
Murphy	.....	60.00	60.00
Niles	.....	.....	10.70
Oakland, First	427.66	1,815.84	1,773.46
Fruitvale	.....	10.00	12.00
Japanese	.....	.....	5.03
Pilgrim	.....	11.00	10.50
Plymouth	1.00	274.83	195.36
Oroville	10.95	24.60	20.00
Pacific Grove	.....	68.78	104.28
Palo Alto	.....	646.63	500.00
Paradise	25.00	103.40	30.00
Penngrove	.....	4.48	1.50
Pescadero	.....	.....	5.00
Petaluma	25.45	174.51	170.78
Pittsburg	.....	57.50	33.50
Port Chicago	6.00	6.00	.....
Porterville	.....	67.50	60.00
Redwood City	.....	162.20	153.50
Rio Vista	30.00	30.00	30.00
Ripon	3.09	56.44	33.92
Sacramento	.....	172.07	175.33
San Carlos	.....	40.62	35.18
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	.....	74.26	74.33
Calvary	.....	20.00	.....
First	.....	337.37	381.13
Ocean View	.....	3.70	10.00
Richmond	.....	.....	1.00
San Jose	50.00	220.00	220.00
San Leandro	.....	13.35	14.58
San Lorenzo	.....	10.00	.....
San Mateo	60.00	191.31	87.50
Santa Cruz	.....	236.10	192.00
Santa Rosa	.....	62.80	65.64
Saratoga	.....	121.40	113.86
Sebastopol	.....	50.44	48.48
Sonoma	13.00	41.85	37.26
Soquel	.....	25.00	25.00
Stockton	.....	137.48	125.59
Suisun	.....	.....	37.00
Sunol	.....	20.00	.....
Tulare	.....	85.00	110.00
Weaverville	17.25	61.29	39.35
Woodside	.....	.....	20.00
Reno, Nevada	.....	88.75	76.67
Misc. and Individual	107.00	1,635.50	1,183.00
	$1,124.34	$10,498.72	$9,450.84

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. This Easter was the best during the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Orr, both in attendance and offering. Nine children were baptized. The outside of the church building is being painted.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. A hundred and fifty people attended Easter service. Seven persons united with the church, four of them by letter and three young people by baptism. Rev. B. Y. Leong is the pastor.

PESCADERO. Services are held once a month on Sunday by Rev. J. C. Kelsey of Half Moon Bay. The church school for children is held during the week. Plans are under way to improve the property.

SALIDA. Five people united in fellowship and five infants were baptized during the Easter season. A program was presented by the young people Easter evening. A cement floor has been put in a building on the church lot, this building to be used by a boys' club. Rev. C. V. Carlson, pastor, preached the sermon at the Central Association meeting. The church has met its obligations in spite of doubling the budget a year ago.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Rev. S. Nakayama looks after a Sunday School at Del Rey and a young people's group at Fowler in addition to the regular work of his church in Fresno. The Boy Scout Council of the city arranged a fine display of its work in a window of a downtown business house, featuring the troop of the Japanese church, which has had a longer continuous existence than any other and has sent out into the community many useful citizens.

RENO, NEVADA. Following extensive repairs on the church building, the interior of the manse is to be redecorated. A valuable piece of property, 27 feet in width, is being purchased to make possible additions to the equipment and program of the church in years to come. Rev. William M. Case, pastor, is in attendance at the Presbyterian General Assembly.

ALAMEDA. Knights Templar attended the Easter service in a body. A cordial welcome was extended to 18 new members. The pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, has announced a new series of sermons on the general theme, "Streamlined religion for everyday use," and for Sunday evenings a series of chapters in a new "Pilgrim's progress" entitled "Out of my life and fortune."

SANTA ROSA. For the first time in a number of years Sunday School attendance reached more than a hundred on a recent Sunday. The average is about 40 per cent larger than a year ago. A new range is being purchased for the kitchen. Rev. Wilfred Withington, the pastor, has arranged a room for individual worship and it is frequently used by both children and adults.

LODI. Twenty-one new members were received on Sunday following Easter. Union three-hour Good Friday services were held, with the various pastors speaking on the Seven Last Words. On Easter Sunday the Stockton Commandery, Knights Templar, were in attendance. The motto for the year, suggested by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, and followed by the church, is "We seek not yours but you."

SAN JOSE. Twenty-nine persons were received into fellowship on Palm Sunday. Rev. L. M. Foster, long time member and loyal supporter of the church, passed away at the age of 96. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

IN SYMPATHY

The ministers and members of our Congregational churches in northern California extend their sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Verdette Walters of Martinez, whose little son passed away Easter morning. Mr. Walters carried through his Easter service without making any announcement of his loss. Although a newcomer in Martinez and in northern California, Mr. Walters is making a real place for himself in our fellowship. The church at Martinez is very happy in his leadership.

FRESNO, FIRST. Forty new members have been received during the past year. The church sponsors a business women's forum, a young people's club, and a youth church, all of which are doing splendidly. The final payment has been made on the Sunday School property and improvements will soon be made on the parsonage. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is pastor.

HAYWARD. During the past few weeks, a central heating plant has been installed, the platform extended, and choir pews provided. This church very ably and beautifully entertained the spring meeting of the Bay Association, when Rev. Godfrey Matthews, the pastor, and his vested choir conducted a very impressive worship service.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Nineteen children were received into church membership on Palm Sunday. They had completed work in the preparatory membership class. Miss Nan Robb, loyal Congregationalist, was elected chairman of the Council of the united church for the new year. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, pastor, with a goodly delegation, was at the Bay Association at Hayward.

KENWOOD and GLEN ELLEN. About eighty persons attended Easter services at each church. Five were received into membership at Kenwood and three at Glen Ellen. In the group were three young married couples. Nine children were baptized. The Glen Ellen church has a new carpet and the building has been painted, both outside and in, the work being done by men of the community. Rev. F. E. Boren is the pastor.

PITTSBURG. Ten former Ambrose church members have united with Pittsburg. The young people's work has doubled during recent months. Sixteen young people and five adults attended the Sebastopol Pilgrim Fellowship rally. A well-planned service of worship in the Sunday School has resulted in a new spirit of quietness and worship among the children. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

CLOVERDALE. Once in two months, at a Sunday evening church service, the children of the Sunday School exhibit the result of their study and effort. The Rotary Club of the town is sponsoring a "back to the church" movement. Sixteen new members have been received in the past twelve months. Rev. H. S. Davidson is the pastor.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. Eighty-five men and boys were in attendance at a "dads and lads" dinner at Cotati. At Penngrove all the children of the Sunday School have Bibles, and new Pilgrim Hymnals have been secured. Nine new members have been received this spring. Rev. C. C. Champlin is pastor.

PETALUMA. Pledges covering the budget were secured at the Every Member Canvass. A special Easter offering for the painting of the church provided nearly the full amount, and the work has been done. Nine new members were received the Sunday after Easter. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

GRASS VALLEY. From 23 to 28 young people attend the Christian Endeavor every Sunday night. The church is enjoying a choir of 32 young people. Rev. E. O. Chapel is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Headline news comes from this historic church, in the successful working out of a plan for the permanent exchange of pastors with the First Congregational Church of Pasadena. Since January, Rev. Lawrence Wilson and Rev. Torrance Phelps have exchanged pulpits twice. Following this, both men took their church officials into their confidence, and as a result, both men have resigned and have accepted calls which will take effect on June 15.

During the pastorate of Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the membership of the church has been increased by about 50 per cent, and the indebtedness has been greatly reduced, while a strong program of activities has been carried on. Mr. Wilson has been active in the Conference, serving as Moderator and for several terms as chairman of the Committee on Social Action.

Dr. Phelps has been at Pasadena about four years, going there from the great church at Kalamazoo, Michigan. He has a record of church building, both materially and in membership, and will be heartily welcomed to our northern California fellowship.

This exchange is not only significant for the two churches and ministers involved, but it indicates a method which may increasingly come into use in our denomination.

PORT CHICAGO. Average Sunday morning attendance has increased since January 1 from 19 to 27, with a total of 120 at Easter. Six babies were baptized. One new member and two associates were received into the church. A choir has been organized. Lovely curtains for the front of the church have been given by the ladies. The young people recently gave a dinner, with Benicia young people also present, Superintendent Gill making the address. Robert Cleland, the minister, has been honored by the graduating class of the University of California in being asked to give the invocation at their baccalaureate service.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. On Easter Sunday night, "St. Claudia," prize-winning religious drama, was given by a large cast, directed by Gail Potter. Two morning services were held, Dr. Lowther preaching at one and Dr. Pierce at the other. The church is now engaged in a thoroughgoing canvass for the support of the united church for the coming year, under the direction of Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman.

SANTA CRUZ. At the communion service on the Thursday before Easter, the only light was from hundreds of candles. Four hundred seventy-five persons partook of the Lord's Supper. More than 1000 were present Easter morning, filling every nook and corner of the building. Ten babies and young children were baptized. Two choirs furnished music. In the evening a cantata was presented. The church will soon celebrate the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. H. S. Mahood.

TULARE. A beautiful and worshipful monthly organ vesper service is enjoyed by the many who attend. Fourteen new members have come into the church this spring. The largest number of communicants during recent years were present at the Good Friday candlelight communion service. A program for repairs of the building will be undertaken in the autumn. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. Twenty new members were received at a candlelight communion service on Thursday of Holy Week, making a total of 216 in the past three and a half years. Two identical services were held Easter morning, the early one attended by an overflow congregation and the second filling the auditorium. The payment of $1,270 on church loans has reduced the indebtedness to $3,425, and pledges are on hand for all but $3,000, which will be paid to the Building Society over the next ten years by the Women's Association. . . . The Rotary Club, in calling for attendance at Sunday service, had this to say regarding the pastor: "Sky Pilot, John Gregg, has consistently worked for you and me and Porterville, serving on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club, and as Chamber of Commerce president. In fact, he has worked as hard as any man in the club and is now about to create a local community chest; gives a splendid invocation each Tuesday. This is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to Porterville's No. 1 citizen for his constant effort in our behalf during the entire year."

SARATOGA. This church is exceedingly happy in the acceptance of its call by Rev. Fred R. Morrow, director of religious education and of student work at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley. Mr. Morrow was formerly pastor of the Congregational Church at Corvallis, Oregon, and for four years has been at the Berkeley church. He has served as chairman of the Committee on Young People's Work of the Conference, and director of the Zephyr Point young people's assembly last summer.

He will begin his work at Saratoga in August. During the interim the church is being supplied by the Rev. Mr. Falconer of San Jose.

REDWOOD CITY. The number of deaconesses has been increased from six to twelve, and a program of regular visiting has been mapped out and is being followed. The deacons have sponsored several dinners for men with excellent attendance, which has been reflected in the number of men coming to church. A party, put on by the Fellowship of Youth, portrayed a camp scene, and realized a sum to send members to the West Bay summer camp, of which the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward, is director.

ALTURAS. A theater building seating about 500 was well filled at a union Easter service. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. K. Ballou. New members were received into the church on Palm Sunday. The church was host to the Modoc Association and furnished good audiences for the three visiting speakers.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. After many years of following the old A.M.A. plan of receiving missionary aid, the church has now adopted a budget and has accepted responsibility for its own obligations, receiving aid from the Conference as other aided churches have done. Two new members were received into fellowship at the Easter season. Mr. Dan Yee is pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Thomas E. Watt, pastor, who is the president of the Berkeley Fellowship of Churches, headed up plans for Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunrise services for the city. His poetical work has been entered in two anthologies this year.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.—The Murphys Church did a splendid job in entertaining the Central Association, although the serving of the two meals kept most of the women from attending the sessions. The Christion Endeavor Society and the juniors in Sunday School make up the church choir. On Friday evening of Holy Week a fellowship supper was attended by 25 persons, all of whom stayed to communion. Two were received into membership.

The Angels Camp Ladies' Aid is now planning for displays at the County Fair. The kitchen in the social hall has been remodeled, making it far more convenient. Four persons were received into fellowship on Thursday night of Holy Week. Forty-two attended the fellowship dinner and communion. Rev. John G. Dickey is pastor.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Hugh Vernon White was speaker at the Good Friday union services. Communion was held Thursday of Holy Week in the parish house chapel, which has received from friends new curtains and altar backdrops. The chapel was crowded with communicants. Fifty more than the building would seat were in attendance on Easter morning. Nine members were received and nine children baptized. Rev. W. R. Steininger, the pastor, was invited to give the principal address on the Americanization program sponsored by the American Legion at a local theater, with 800 or 900 children in attendance.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson spoke four times on Easter Day, in addition to teaching a Sunday School class and helping in the Young People's Society. Eight new members were received in the Easter class, and four children were baptized. The church is looking forward to celebrating its fiftieth anniversary on May 28. Three former pastors of the church will participate. Rev. R. S. Nickerson and Rev. John H. Kimball will speak at the morning worship and Rev. B. Dent Naylor in the evening.

RIPON. An Easter play, "The Cloth of Sendony," was presented by the members of the Pilgrim Fellowship at the sunrise service Easter morning. Six new members were received into fellowship at the regular 11 o'clock service. In the evening Rev. Hugh Vernon White was the speaker. A new communion table has been secured. Rev. Robert A. Bentley, pastor, represented the Conference Committee on Religious Education at the Central Association.

SAN CARLOS. The Sunday School is crowding the building and plans are under discussion for housing it. Thirty-one new members were received into the church at a candlelight communion service Thursday night before Easter. Two identical morning services were held on Easter Day to accommodate the crowds. Rev. H. J. Loken, the pastor, is conducting a teacher training group Sunday evenings.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. During the past two years, under the pastorate of Rev. G. F. Wortley, about $2,000 has been paid on the church indebtedness, besides keeping up interest payments and other expenses. Several new members were received at the Easter season.

SAN MATEO. The 75th anniversary of the church is under way as The Pacific goes to press. At the anniversary banquet on Wednesday, May 3, greetings were brought by former pastors, neighboring churches, and by the Conference superintendent. Rev. Dwight Bradley was the speaker. An exhibit of historical records and photographs created much interest. A pageant depicting religious progress, beginning with the padres and including the history of the church, is scheduled for the afternoon of the 7th in the church patio. Dean James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion preached the sermon at the Sunday anniversary service. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, the pastor, has been the guiding spirit for the celebration.

STOCKTON. About 30 children are in attendance the early part of the morning worship services. The average Sunday morning attendance has been larger than in any year during the past six. The membership has been divided into district groups, with active calling committees. Twenty-seven children have had a perfect attendance record in Sunday School for nine months. Nine members were received into fellowship on Palm Sunday. Stockton won in the attendance contest with Alameda, averaging 144, or 115 per cent of last year. Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, was special speaker at an Easter week service in the theater at Angels Camp.

CAMPBELL. The fiftieth anniversary of the church was a great success. Rev. George E. Atkinson of Sebastopol, the only living former pastor, preached the sermon on the anniversary Sunday. Greetings were brought by nearby pastors at the dinner, and the Conference was represented by Rev. Charles E. Ward of Redwood City, president of the Board of Directors. The church was organized as a branch of the San Jose church. It has had only five pastors. The people are rejoicing in the improved health of the wife of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett.

SONOMA. The pastor, Rev. E. W. Perry, and congregation joined in a Good Friday service at Trinity Episcopal Church. The choir presented their annual Easter program in the evening to a large audience. The Sunday School attendance has increased from an average of 55 to 80.

ADIN. The month of April brought the highest average attendance in the Sunday School ever attained and three additions to the membership of the church. Rev. Hugh Vernon White preached on Sunday, April 30. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

TREASURE ISLAND MEETING

The Federation Spring Meeting of 1939 will go down in history as something fine, and different! It was held on April 20, afternoon only, in Friendship Hall, Temple of Religion, on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Before and after the meeting, the women found much to interest them in the exhibit rooms of the building, where excavated pottery from Bible times, and the Howell collection of Bibles, including Martin Luther's Bible, were among the attractions. There was a large attendance in the auditorium; San Jose women chartered a bus and came to the meeting thirty-six strong. After a beautiful organ recital, our president, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, opened the meeting with responsive prayer, and then spoke briefly of our pleasure in meeting in this Temple of Religion which symbolizes unity, cooperation, fellowship,—and, through them, peace.

DR. BRADLEY SPEAKS

Speaking on "Religion and a New Day," Dr. Dwight J. Bradley, Executive Director of the Council for Social Action, said there is no doubt that a new day is dawning, and we cannot be the kind of conservatives that refuse to face facts. A department on family life is needed in Social Action, for a good home is all-important to a good day, and you cannot have the right kind of home without a basic Christian ideology. As to the new day in economics: Religion is not interested in the type of institution, but wants one interfused with rational goodwill; something which works to build fine, greathearted individuals. In the field of democracy, religion can do nothing more important than to see to it that American democracy be kept intact as a democracy. Democracy puts a premium on personal responsibility. Slaves do as they are told. In a democracy you tell yourself what to do, and unless you tell yourself the **right** thing to do, you cannot have a **good** new day. Internationally there are two great alternatives before the world. The new era will come either through cataclysmic war, or through cataclysmic repentance. The need is for praying people, working to bring to pass not **appeasement** (that is not enough), but a truly better day.

MISS THOMAS ON CHINA

Miss Eunice Thomas of Foochow, China, spoke on "Light from the East," taking as a text John 12:26. She said that Asia, not Africa, has become in recent years the "dark continent." ples ruined." The Chinese pray for the people of Japan, "who, with us, are suffering." This terrible war machine is conditioning the life of all. Christians should know of the deliberate, demoralizing campaign that accompanies war. Do you know of the deportation of small Chinese boys to Japan? Of the compulsory wholesale attack by Japanese soldiers on Chinese women? Of the Japanese payment in opium to Chinese employees? Japan knows such things will break down the Chinese people faster than bombs, and has proclaimed: "Our purpose is to bring China to her knees." And in Japan the women are sending their men into the war with a sublime sense of dedication, for their Emperor has said soldiers will become deified and will gain heaven. In Korea and Formosa since Japanese control there is no education above high schools. In China two-thirds of all school properties have been destroyed, for Japan recognizes that students are a power in China today. Fifty per cent of "Who's Who" in China are from Christian schools. The Chinese have a capacity for progress, a sense of direction, a tremendous patience,—not merely **enduring** suffering, but **using** it. They are not only resisting invasion; they are developing their hinterland for the New Day in China. Today we know how vital to the Chinese are the things we have mothered and fostered. Is not this the answer to missionary work?

Miss Thomas expects to return to China in July, to resume her teaching in Fukien Christian University, now moved far inland.

MR. PEABODY PINCH HITS

Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of San Jose took the place on the program of his wife, who was ill. He spoke on the problem of the growing tension between our land and Japan. Is war inevitable from this cumulative tension? All fundamental difficulties would be heightened, not solved, by war. Men of imagination must look around for a better way out,—Christ's way. The traditional ways of force and compulsion are no longer strong enough to protect. Only through understanding and goodwill can these problems be really solved. The bond of Christian fellowship is deeper than race, or national patriotism, as Christian Chinese and Japanese have shown. We must demonstrate high faith in the power of friendship and suffering.

The Federation meeting closed with an uplifting devotional service by Mrs. Scott Haymond. "Now abideth faith, hope, love; . . . the greatest of these is **love.**"

CHURCH WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Santa Clara Association reports a Rally of the Santa Cruz, Soquel, and Pacific Grove women, held in the Pacific Grove Church. It was a beautiful day of conference and devotion, with an address on India by the Associational president, Mrs. Jeannette O. Ferris. She has also spoken at Campbell, San Carlos, and Saratoga.

The Woman's Association of Berkeley First Church held its annual Flower Festival on April 13. Plants, flowers, food, etc., were on sale. Clever Mother Goose motifs prevailed in decorations and costumes, and in the rhymed menus for the luncheon. "The Never Never Land invites you. So do Mary Mary quite contrary, and Old Mother Hubbard, and Curly Locks, who will be there in colorful costume to welcome you," read the Church Calendar announcement. Afternoon tea was served in the "Old Fashioned Garden"; and after the evening dramatic program, came coffee and Banbury Tarts. A substantial sum was realized for the women's second pledge to the End-of-the-Debt Church Building Fund.

The Saratoga Women's Auxiliary gave a May Day luncheon in the lovely gardens of Mrs. M. Lovelace on the Los Gatos Road. An interesting book review and a number of selections by the Choral of the Foothill Club gave added enjoyment to the happy occasion. About 100 were in attendance.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Seventeen children were baptized on Easter by the acting pastor, Rev. F. J. Van Horn. The church has extended a call to Rev. Robert Inglis of Grinnell, Iowa, to become pastor, and he has accepted to take effect at an early date. Mr. Inglis is a young man in his middle thirties, and has been pastor of the great college church at Grinnell. He visited Plymouth the Sunday after Easter, and is impressed with the opportunity of this great community church and will ably carry on its program and traditions.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Three new members were received on the third Sunday of April. As a result of a bazaar and supper, the women raised about $100 for the church. An Armenian concert was given by the church at the Exposition, Sunday, May 7. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. Nine new members were received at the Easter vesper service. Four women were in attendance at the spring meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women at Treasure Island. Rev. Elwood B. Hunter, the pastor, preaches twice each Sunday besides giving a young people's sermon.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Excellent congregations were present at two Easter services, one at 6 a.m. and the other at 11. Rainbow Girls with their parents and friends filled the sanctuary on Sunday after Easter. Rev. H. V. Miller, pastor, will take a part of his vacation at Reno, supplying for Rev. Wm. M. Case.

SOQUEL. Nine high school girls from the Girls' Choir united with the church on confession and two members by letter at a very lovely Easter service. Plans are under way for reaching men and boys. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

PALO ALTO. A fine organization of young adults meets once a month for dinner.

WELCOME!

Henry Victor Morgan, weighing 7¾ pounds, has announced his arrival on April 29 at the Sutter Maternity Hospital, Sacramento, and has selected as his parents Rev. and Mrs. Victor H. Morgan of Rio Vista. He is looking forward to giving his sister, aged 3, a merry time of it in the next few years.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Victory crowned two years of hard work in the completion of the four-way plan for reducing indebtedness. The holder of the first mortgage, the Bay Association, and the Congregational Church Building Society met the efforts of the church, and as a result, through the raising of $4000 locally, the indebtedness has been reduced more than 50 per cent, and can be easily handled out of regular income. The pastor, Rev. J. H. McCartney, and his loyal workers are to be heartily congratulated.

ASSOCIATIONS ELECT

At the spring meetings of the Associations new officers were elected, list of which appears herewith. This list should be clipped and pasted in the new Hand Book, which has been mailed to all pastors and many lay workers:

Central Association — Moderator, Rev. John G. Dickey; Vice-Moderator, Mrs. E. B. Kientz; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed; Preacher, Rev. R. A. Bentley.

Redwood Empire Association—Moderator, Rev. T. T. Giffen; Registrar, Rev. F. E. Boren.

Sacramento Valley Association — Moderator, Rev. James D. Salmon; Vice-Moderator, Mrs. W. H. L. Marshall; Registrar, Rev. Stewart E. Locke.

San Joaquin Valley Association — Moderator, Rev. John H. Gregg; Vice-Moderator, Rev. S. Nakayama; Registrar, Rev. A. L. Rice.

Santa Clara Association—Moderator, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham; Registrar, Rev. R. B. Cherington.

Upper Bay Association—Moderator, Rev. Victor H. Morgan; Registrar, Rev. Verdette Walters.

The German Conference has not yet been held, so the officers appearing in the Hand Book are still serving.

The Bay Association elected officers at the annual meeting in February, so the list appearing in the Hand Book is correct.

THE TOLSONS IN GERMANY

A postcard from Berlin states that Professor George T. Tolson and family are having a most rewarding trip in Europe. They sailed from New Orleans via Havana to London.

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